

REMARKS

Receipt of the office action mailed November 2, 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 15-24 are allowed. Claims 1 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nes (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,945). Claims 1 and 14 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nes in view of Hoffmann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,007,780). Claims 2-13 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 has been objected to because of an informality. In keeping with the following argument, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claim 2 is in allowable form.

Applicants have changed the dependency of claims 12 and 14 to depend from claim 2. Accordingly, claims 3-14 are in allowable form.

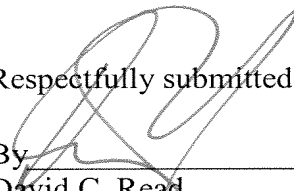
Claim 15 has been corrected to fix a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, claims 2-24 are in allowable form.

In view of the foregoing the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. In the event there is any remaining issue that the Examiner believes can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 474-6612.

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